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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 23

Introduced by Assembly Member Lowenthal

December 7, 1998

An act to add Section 622.2 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 23, as amended, Lowenthal. ~~State Highway:~~
Highways: State Highway Route 710.

Existing law designates and describes state highway routes, including *State Highway Route 710*.

This bill would *require the City of Long Beach to transfer a specified portion of a highway, specified portions of certain streets, and certain bridges to state ownership, as prescribed, and would require the department to repair and maintain the transferred property as a continuation of State Highway Route 710.*

The bill would revise the designation and description of State Highway Route 710, upon completion of the specified transfers, to include the transferred property.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. ~~(a)~~The Legislature finds and declares
2 all of the following:

3 ~~(1)~~

4 (a) The southern terminus of the 710 Freeway (State
5 Highway Route 710) serves as the major entryway to the
6 City of Long Beach’s downtown business, governmental,
7 and residential ~~sections~~ *districts, as well as the Port of*
8 *Long Beach, the nation’s busiest seaport.*

9 ~~(2)~~

10 (b) The Department of Transportation currently has
11 jurisdiction and control of the 710 Freeway within the
12 City of Long Beach to a point immediately south of the
13 Pacific Coast Highway (State Highway Route 1).

14 ~~(3)~~

15 (c) The remaining portion of the 710 Freeway south of
16 the Pacific Coast Highway, *which is commonly known as*
17 *Harbor Scenic Drive*, is presently under the jurisdiction
18 of the City of Long Beach. *The portion of Harbor Scenic*
19 *Drive that is between Anaheim Street and Ocean*
20 *Boulevard is controlled by the Harbor Department of the*
21 *City of Long Beach.*

22 ~~(4)~~

23 (d) The deplorable condition and appearance of the
24 710 Freeway that is located within the City of Long Beach
25 *and the Port of Long Beach* creates an extremely bad
26 image for citizens and visitors traveling to and from the
27 downtown areas of the city, the Queensway Bay and
28 Aquarium facilities, and the Port of Long Beach.

29 ~~(5)~~

30 (e) It is essential that the main transportation arterial
31 leading into the heart of downtown Long Beach and the
32 city’s coastline attractions and activities, as well as the
33 nation’s busiest port, should be safe, clean, upgraded,
34 beautified, and maintained at the highest possible level.

35 ~~(6)~~

36 (f) *This portion of the 710 Freeway is a vital link in the*
37 *statewide transportation system and provides direct*
38 *access to the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, which*



1 together form the third largest seaport complex in the
2 world.

3 (g) Ensuring safe and efficient access to both ports is
4 extremely vital to the nation, as 25 percent of all
5 waterborne trade in the nation, with an estimated value
6 of \$162,000,000,000, is through these two ports.

7 (h) On a nationwide basis, 2,500,000 jobs are linked to
8 this trade, and \$23,000,000,000 are generated in customs,
9 and federal income and business, and state and local, taxes
10 and charges.

11 (i) The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles generate
12 approximately 500,000 jobs in the Counties of Los
13 Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and
14 Ventura.

15 (j) The trade generated by the two ports and the
16 corresponding benefits are expected to more than double
17 by 2010.

18 (k) For several years, the City of Long Beach and the
19 Port of Long Beach had discussions with the Department
20 of Transportation regarding the transfer of the remaining
21 portion of the 710 Freeway to the department in order for
22 the department to repair and maintain this portion of the
23 710 Freeway as part of the state highway system, but no
24 transfer has occurred to date.

25 ~~(b) Upon the effective date of this, the Department of~~
26 ~~Transportation~~

27 SEC. 2. Section 622.2 is added to the Streets and
28 Highways Code, to read:

29 622.2. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
30 "Shoemaker Bridge Complex" consists of all of the
31 following in the City of Long Beach:

32 (1) The Shoemaker Bridge, crossing the Los Angeles
33 River and located between Harbor Scenic Drive and
34 Sixth and Seventh Streets.

35 (2) The portion of Sixth Street that is between the
36 Shoemaker Bridge and North Ord Court.

37 (3) The portion of Seventh Street that is between the
38 Shoemaker Bridge and Golden Avenue.

39 (b) The City of Long Beach shall transfer the portion
40 of Harbor Scenic Drive that is between the merger with



1 Route 710, near Route 1, and Ocean Boulevard, and the
2 portion of Ocean Boulevard that is between Harbor
3 Scenic Drive and Route 103 to state ownership as
4 expeditiously as possible in the following two phases:

5 (1) The portion of Harbor Scenic Drive that is
6 between the merger with Route 710, near Route 1, and
7 Ocean Boulevard, but excluding the Shoemaker Bridge
8 Complex, shall be transferred on or before February 1,
9 2000.

10 (2) The Shoemaker Bridge Complex and the portion
11 of Ocean Boulevard that is between Harbor Scenic Drive
12 and Route 103, shall be transferred in the following
13 segments upon completion of all construction projects
14 programmed by the Port of Long Beach for the
15 transferred segment:

16 (A) The Shoemaker Bridge Complex.

17 (B) The portion of Ocean Boulevard that is between
18 Harbor Scenic Drive and the Gerald Desmond Bridge,
19 including the connector ramps between Ocean
20 Boulevard and Harbor Scenic Drive.

21 (C) The Gerald Desmond Bridge.

22 (D) The portion of Ocean Boulevard that is between
23 the Gerald Desmond Bridge and Route 103.

24 (c) Upon completion of each of the transfers made
25 under subdivision (b), the department shall repair and
26 maintain damaged guardrail, concrete barriers, signage,
27 and potholes; correct slope erosion and drainage facilities;
28 clean graffiti and weeds; and generally make safe this
29 portion of land as the continuation of the 710 Freeway.

30 ~~SEC. 2. Section 622.2 is added to the Streets and~~
31 ~~Highways Code, to read:~~

32 ~~622.2. Route 710 shall also include that portion of the~~
33 ~~freeway between its intersection of the northern end of~~
34 ~~Harbor Scenic Drive to its junction with both Sixth and~~
35 ~~Seventh Streets wholly within the City of Long Beach,~~
36 ~~including the Shoemaker Bridge across the Los Angeles~~
37 ~~River; and weeds; and generally make the transferred~~
38 ~~property safe as a continuation of Route 710.~~



1 (d) Notwithstanding Section 622, upon completion of
2 the final transfer under subdivision (b), Route 710 shall
3 include all of the following in the City of Long Beach:

4 (1) The portion of Harbor Scenic Drive that is
5 between the merger with existing Route 710, near Route
6 1, and Ocean Boulevard, including the connector ramps
7 between Harbor Scenic Drive and Ocean Boulevard and
8 the Shoemaker Bridge Complex.

9 (2) The portion of Ocean Boulevard that is between
10 Harbor Scenic Drive and Route 103, including the Gerald
11 Desmond Bridge.

